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## STATE LAW BANS ELECTRONICS IN TRASH

*CITY REMINDS RESIDENTS OF ALTERNATES FOR ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL*

INDIANAPOLIS – Effective January 1, 2011, Indiana households, public schools, and small businesses will no longer be allowed to mix unwanted electronics with municipal waste that's intended for disposal at a landfill or by burning or incineration. This ban is implemented in cooperation with state law.

Indianapolis and Marion County residents can properly dispose of, or e-cycle, unwanted electronics such as computer monitors and equipment, televisions, printers, DVD players, and fax machines through the City's ToxDrop program. The program is opened to all City residents to drop off their electronic and household hazardous waste to be recycled and/or disposed of properly.

The term used to describe the recycling of electronics is e-cycle. Everything from cell phones to computers needs to be disposed of properly instead of thrown away. Electronics may contain hazardous materials such as lead and mercury. These materials, if buried in a landfill, can contaminate groundwater and cause serious health issues for people. Instead of throwing electronics away, residents can recycle them through the City of Indianapolis ToxDrop Program.

Residents are limited to disposing of five computer systems per visit. ToxDrop locations are open year round and the service is free of charge. For more information about the ToxDrop program, visit [www.sustainindy.org/toxdrop](http://www.sustainindy.org/toxdrop) or call 327-4TOX (327-4869).

### **ToxDrop Locations and Times**

Belmont Avenue Collection Facility

2700 S. Belmont Ave.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-11am

IMPD Training Facility (located near Superior Court 13)

9049 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm

Perry Township Government Center

4925 S. Shelby St.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm

Traders Point Collection Facility

7550 N. Lafayette Rd.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit [www.sustainindy.org](http://www.sustainindy.org).

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